

CHINESE CROESUS, WING A FONG, DEAD

Remarkable Career of Hawaiian Merchant Prince Comes to an End.

DAUGHTERS WED AMERICANS

All of Thirteen Married to Prominent Men, Including Army and Navy Officers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The news from Honolulu, that Wing Ah Fong, the famous Chinese multi-millionaire, is dead in China, adds a final chapter to one of the strangest life stories of the isles of the Pacific. It is the story of a Chinese coolie, who became many times a millionaire, and whose thirteen daughters today are the wives of prominent men, nearly all Americans. Three became wives of officers in the United States navy, one being the wife of Rear Admiral Whiting, and one married an officer in the United States army.

In 1858 Wing Ah Fong, whose name afterward became Americanized to Afong, arrived in Honolulu with a ship load of coolies from China. He soon gathered a little capital and set up a store, dealing in crockery, silks, and brass-brace.

Next he lived a Portuguese sailor named Fayerweather, whose beautiful fifteen-year-old daughter, Conception, soon won the admiration and heart of Ah Fong. She was a mixture of Portuguese and Kanaka, with a strain of English. In 1860 Ah Fong married her.

Grew Rich Rapidly. The Chinaman prospered, and grew rich rapidly. He was a favorite of the Hawaiian King, and obtained many advantages. His family increased as rapidly as his fortune, and he became the father of thirteen beautiful daughters and two sons. In 1880 he was reported to be worth from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Fifteen years ago Ah Fong suddenly began setting his business affairs in order. Then he settled a million dollars on his wife and sailed away. It was said he was going for a visit. Rumor said he had gone to China. But he never returned.

One after another the girls were wooed and won for brides, the fact that they were half Chinese failing to counteract the effect of their beauty and accomplishments on American rich and prominent residents of Honolulu. When each girl married she received from her mother a dowry of \$150,000.

Marie First to Wed.

The first to marry was Miss Marie Afong, as the name had become. She became the wife of H. G. Humphrey, a well-known attorney of the Hawaiian Islands. Then Carrie became the bride of J. A. Johnson, food inspector of Honolulu.

Etta was married to Captain, now Rear Admiral, Whiting, of the United States Navy. Helen was married to C. R. Henshall, a San Francisco lawyer, who was drowned a few years ago in the Golden Gate.

F. V. McStokes, then collector of the port of Honolulu, married Alice. A Mr. Hutchinson, of Hilo, Hawaii, married Beatrice. Alfred Magoon, a Honolulu attorney, married Nancy. Lieut. A. J. L. Johnson, of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, married Martha Muriel.

Miss Mabel became the bride of James W. Brewster, of Elizabeth, N. J., who met her when he was serving as clerk to Captain Sigsbee on the cruiser Hartford, during the Spanish-American war.

Another of the girls was married to Lieutenant of the United States Navy. The other girls married wealthy merchants.

Son Married Miss Whiting. Alfred Afong, one of the sons, married Miss Anna Elizabeth Whiting, an American girl, and niece of Admiral Whiting.

Now comes the news that the Chinese father of this unique family has passed away in China. There is much speculation as to what has or will become of the greater part of the immense fortune which he took with him when he left Honolulu fifteen years ago.

GIDDINGS BOY'S WOUND NOT OF SERIOUS NATURE

The condition of Elmer Giddings, thirteen years old, of 906 Thirteenth street northeast, who was struck in the head with a bullet by the accidental discharge of a .22-caliber rifle while hunting near Cochran Heights northeast Wednesday afternoon, is not considered serious. The bullet grazed his head, inflicting a scalp wound.

WALTER CHRISTIE BREAKS VANDERBILT COURSE MARK

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Braving the dangers of the treacherous turns on the roads of the Vanderbilt Cup course, Walter Christie drove his 60-horsepower car over the distance of 23.7 miles in twenty-seven minutes, and smashed the record early today.

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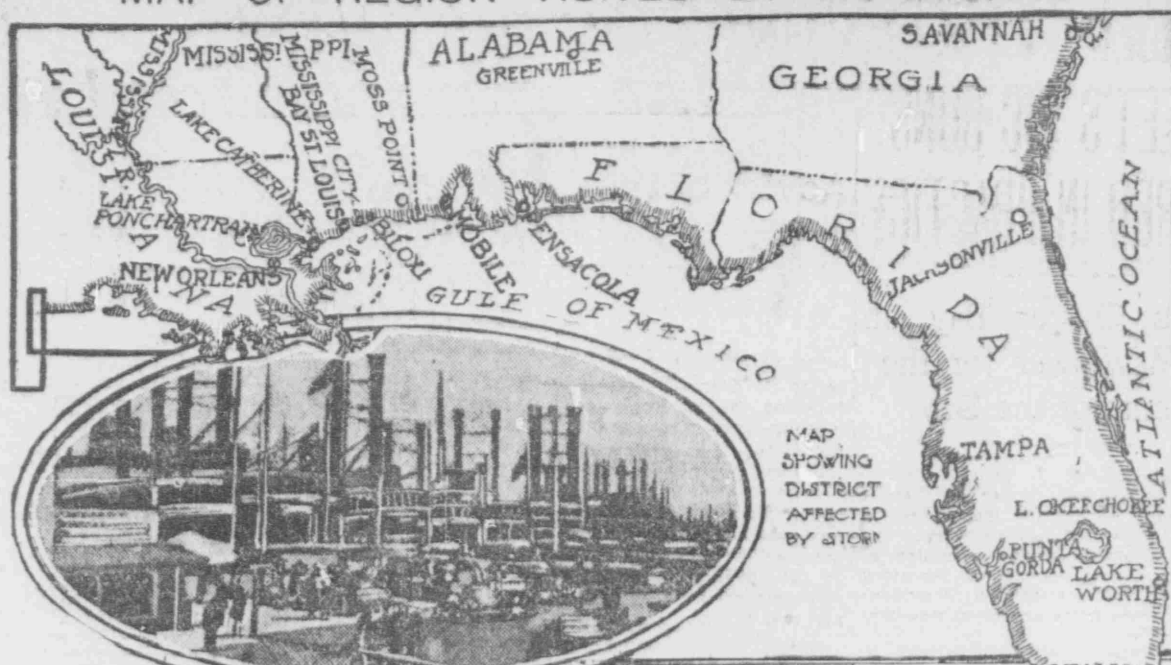
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MAP OF REGION VISITED BY HURRICANE



The Upper Levee in New Orleans.

SOUTH'S LOSS BY HURRICANE \$16,000,000

(Continued from First Page.)

of the wind. Houses were blown down and the streets flooded. These reports are brought by fugitives who have reached points of communication by wire with the outside world. Pensacola is still cut off.

Anxiety Felt for Mobile.

Great anxiety is felt for Mobile. The wires are still down. While the wires in surrounding towns were working at infrequent intervals yesterday enough was learned to know that the storm in that vicinity was of great violence. It is feared Mobile suffered as badly as did Pensacola.

Louisiana along the Mississippi is known to have suffered severely. No reports have been received, however, to give a definite idea of the damage wrought. Water driven by the high wind from the gulf rolled up the river and overflowed the whole country. Under the circumstances nothing but a miracle can have prevented loss of life. New Orleans escaped with a severe drenching and a property loss of about \$5,000, caused by the unroofing of buildings and destruction of a few houses and old structures.

Forty Passengers on Lake Steamer. Fears are entertained for the safety of forty passengers known to have been on the steamer Amelia, which started across Lake Pontchartrain just before the storm broke. She has not been reported from any point on the lake.

Numerous pleasure parties are known to have been out in small yachts among the Florida keys, beyond the reach of storm signals, and it is feared there may have been loss of life among them.

New Orleans Safe; Damage Is Slight In Low Sections

The following telegram, signed by M. B. Treesevant, secretary of the New Orleans Progressive Union, was received today: "Am advised it is reported in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, and elsewhere that New Orleans had been struck by a tidal wave and demolished. Story absolutely absurd and without foundation whatsoever. A high northeast wind brought water into the canals from the lake and inundated several low sections. The damage is insignificant. A change of the wind carried the water off almost immediately and only several of the sections lying along the canals were flooded for a few hours. Several railroad washouts were reported and trains were delayed, but no loss of life has been reported so far. Kindly give correction in your column."

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Royal Street, New Orleans, a Typical Thoroughfare of the City.

umns. I personally visited the damaged places and found matters as above stated."

Warning of Storm Given 3 Days Ago By Weather Man

The Weather Bureau is congratulating itself today over the fact that it was able to give warning three days in advance of the approaching hurricane which in reported to have done so much damage in the South. Owing to this timely action of the bureau it is the opinion of Chief Moore that little or no damage has been done to shipping in the Gulf of Mexico. Vessels that were about to sail were all held in port. The one, Capt. General Funston took from Tampa for Havana was delayed two days, until the storm and passed that point to the north.

It is stated at the bureau that the storm is now centered over Little Rock, Ark., and that it is headed in the direction of the Great Lakes, but with steadily decreasing force, so that by the time it reaches the lakes, it will have practically spent itself.

Telegrams have been pouring into the bureau from persons interested in the cotton industry, inquiring as to damage done. The extent has not yet been learned, but it is feared that the growing crop has been seriously hurt.

Reports show that throughout the cotton belt with the exception of a small area in Texas, there was an exceedingly high wind, in some places reaching the velocity of fifty miles an hour, and very heavy rain. Up to 10 o'clock this morning, no adverse reports had been received from the Gulf of Mexico. Vessels that were about to sail were all held in port. The one, Capt. General Funston took from Tampa for Havana was delayed two days, until the storm and passed that point to the north.

She had rented the large hall in the Oettinger Building, at the corner of Thirty-first and M streets northwest, and is now engaged in fitting it up for club room purposes. Mrs. Lee states that she will spare no expense in making the club rooms complete in every respect.

During the past three weeks extensive improvements have been made to Mount Tabor Methodist Protestant Church, at the intersection of Thirty-fifth street and Wisconsin avenue, of which the Rev. J. H. Litsinger is pastor.

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When their anticipations were shattered by the cabman's information, the groom-elect decided that his sweetheart should remain at the minister's home until he had straightened matters out.

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WHITE MAN WEDS COLORED WOMAN

Came Here From Ohio to Have the Ceremony Performed.

HER BROTHER WAS OPPOSED

Ceremony Delayed While Groom Left Minister's Home to Secure License.

Shortly past 10 o'clock this morning a barouche stopped in front of the home of the Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church. A colored woman, dressed neatly, leading a child by the hand, stepped out and ran hurriedly up the steps. A white man, apparently about thirty-five years old, dressed in a checkered suit, wearing a light steel gray hat, and sporting a large diamond on his finger, leaped out of the carriage and called to the woman to remain at the house until he procured a license. Turning to the "caddy" he directed the man to drive to the Court House.

When the stranger returned to the colored pastor's house he had a marriage license bearing the names of Isaac P. Williams, of Columbus, Ohio, and Elizabeth Foster, colored, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pronounced Man and Wife.

Half an hour later the couple were made man and wife. No sooner had the minister pronounced his benediction than the groom rushed forward and kissed his bride. With a courteous salutation to the Rev. Mr. Brooks and his wife, who had acted as a witness, the newly married couple left the house, directing the cabman to drive to the Treasury.

When the woman entered the house she informed the minister that she was from Ohio, and had come to this city to be married. "She explained to me," said Mr. Brooks, "that she had attempted to get married in the West, but that the ceremony was interrupted by her brother, who was bitterly opposed to the match."

The Bride Was Nervous.

During the interval between the time her prospective husband had gone for the license and his return the woman manifested considerable nervousness. The child, who accompanied her, she explained to the minister and his wife, was her sister's.

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